



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

July 9, 2003

His Excellency Banny de Brum
Ambassador of the Republic of
the Marshall Islands
Embassy of the Republic of
the Marshall Islands
2433 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Ambassador de Brum:

I have enclosed three original sets of the Charter of the U.S. Department of Energy/Republic of the Marshall Islands Working Group that incorporates comments from the San Francisco meeting.

As agreed, please sign and forward for signature by the other members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Cary".

Steven V. Cary
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Health Studies

3 Enclosures



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CHARTER
OF THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE)/
REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS (RMI)
WORKING GROUP

Statement of Purpose

As directed by the U.S. Congress, DOE, through its Office of Health Studies, delivers special medical care for members of the population of Rongelap and Utrök who were exposed to radiation resulting from the U.S. thermonuclear "Bravo" test (the DOE Medical Care Program) and conducts radiological environmental monitoring at Bikini, Enewetak, Rongelap, and Utrök communities (the DOE Environmental Monitoring Program).

The purpose of the Working Group, created by this Charter, is to provide a leadership forum for discussion of issues of mutual interest by representatives of the U.S. Government, the Government of RMI, and the Bikini, Enewetak, Rongelap, and Utrök communities concerning implementation of the DOE Medical Care Program and the DOE Environmental Monitoring Program.

Membership

The Working Group shall consist of one representative from each of the following: the DOE Office of Health Studies; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of the Government of RMI; the U.S. Embassy at Majuro; and the Bikini, Enewetak, Rongelap, and Utrök communities. The DOE and MOFA shall be the co-chairs of the Working Group. Each Working Group member shall have one designated alternate who may attend Working Group meetings in the absence of the principal representative. Other U.S. Federal Agency representatives may be invited from time to time to participate in the open and closed sessions, although they are not members of the Working Group.

Functions

The Working Group will provide a forum for discussion and consideration of a range of issues related to implementation of the DOE medical care and environmental programs, with a view to improving the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the DOE Marshall Islands Program, enhancing DOE responsiveness to RMI and community priorities as expressed through their Working Group representatives, and assisting DOE to target the expenditure of funds appropriated by the U.S. Congress so as to maximize the benefits of the delivery of services to the congressionally designated beneficiaries of DOE's programs.

Scope of Working Group Activities

The activities of the Working Group shall be consultative to provide recommendations to DOE on general programmatic implementation issues, such as the proportional allocation of DOE's expenditure of appropriated funds. Recommendations must be made within the framework of DOE's statutory mandate from the U.S. Congress and the scope and nature of DOE's medical care, radiological monitoring, environmental assessment activities, and support activities.

The Working Group may discuss a full range of issues, but can neither broaden the scope of DOE's statutory mandate, nor issue policy statements.

Meetings

Each co-chair will serve as the chair of the Working Group on a 2-year rotating basis. The order of rotation will be decided by the co-chairs.

The Working Group will meet twice each year. One meeting shall take place the day before the DOE/RMI annual meeting, unless otherwise agreed by the co-chairs.

The chair of the Working Group will select the location of the other meeting and shall be responsible for providing the meeting room(s) and any expenses related thereto, unless otherwise agreed by the co-chairs.

Each Working Group member shall be responsible for his/her own travel expenses.

Each Working Group meeting will consist of an open session from 9-11:30 a.m., and an executive session from 1-4 p.m., unless otherwise agreed in advance by the co-chairs. The open session will provide a forum for all interested persons to discuss agenda items (see paragraph 6 below) and suggest new agenda items for future meetings. Participation in the executive session is limited to Working Group representatives or their alternates. Each Working Group member may be accompanied by a staff member to observe the activities.

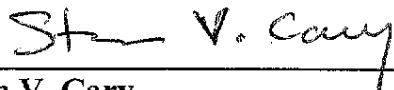
Each Working Group meeting will be conducted in accordance with an agenda developed by the chair for that meeting, approved by the co-chair, and circulated to all Working Group representatives no less than 5 days prior to a meeting.

A person designated by the DOE representative shall prepare a report of each Working Group meeting and circulate it for comment to all other Working Group members within 14 business days of the conclusion of the meeting. The report will be transmitted by e-mail and regular mail. Information copies will be provided to points of contact at the U.S. Departments of Defense and the Interior, and to RMI's Ministry of Health and Environment.

This Charter becomes effective on the date of the last signature, about July 2003.

Approval of the Charter

**FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:**



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